

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Are you asking him a question?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Alright.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Certainly. I notice this is the same procedure we followed on 77 the other day. Mr. President, the concern is where the dollars come from in terms of financing this operation. This comes out of the premium tax which costs, as I understand it, 25 or 30 cents per person, or per student in terms of how this is financed. This could have significant impact on dollars available to local schools. I want to pursue that. Senator Murphy, in our discussion the other day we discussed how the other systems are designed, in terms of taking care of those companies that do not make it financially. I think this has implications of \$140 to \$150 thousand a year to the public schools in this state. I think that ought to be looked into and researched. I certainly am not prepared to see the alternative. This is an expensive bill, that is why I ask you to hold it there until I get the available information on it.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well if I may respond to that.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Proceed Senator Murphy, you have the floor.

SENATOR MURPHY: For the benefit of the other senators, in the past five years, which is as long as it's been in operation, there has been a loss in the amount of \$347,000 which amounts to approximately, with our 350,000 students, amounts to something like 7¢ a year per student. I would suggest to Senator Lewis that his concern for the student I understand. I have a similar concern, however, for those policy holders of all ages, of all walks of life.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: If we're going to discuss the merits I'm going to rule out of order any discussion of the merits of the bill. This is on the motion to bracket. I'm going to hold you to the motion to bracket.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I didn't instigate that, I made the motion.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I know.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I was requested to speak to it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I want to hear reasons for bracketing or not bracketing. That is all we're debating. If there is a peculiar reason why you can't get it or do get it, that's alright. But otherwise I'm going to hold you to a discussion of bracketing at this point. Anything further, Senator Murphy, on bracketing? No, Senator Newell wants to....

SENATOR MURPHY: I will pass for the moment, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I have some amendments to this bill that I would like to offer.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That has nothing to do with bracketing.

SENATOR NEWELL: You know I'd like to have some more time to work out some additional amendments and that is one of the reasons why I would like to see it bracketed. Now why Senator